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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION WORKERS

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1. IN LATE AFTERNOON JULY 3, POLICE RELEASED EIGHT MEMBERS OF SEOUL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (SMCO) WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED, SOME FOR MORE THAN A MONTH, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS OF SMCO.

2. REMAINING IN DETENTION ARE REV. PAK HYONG-KYU, CHAIRMAN OF THE SMCO, NCCK'S URBAN MISSION ARM, REV. CHO SUNG-HYOK, FORMER MEMBER OF BOARD OF SMCO AND RESPONSIBLE FOR NCCK FINANCING OF SMCO AND, YI KYUL-SANG, EVANGELIST FOR SMCO. ACCORDING TO REV. KIM KWON-SOK, POLICE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION TOLD FAMILIES OF STILL IMPRISONED MEN THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE RELEASED IN FEW DAYS.

3. REV. KIM TOLD EMBOFF JULY 4 THAT SUDDEN DECISION TO RELEASE DETAINEES AND PERHAPS DROP CASE ALTOGETHER REPRESENTED COMPLETE TURN AROUND AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF ROKG. REV. KIM SAID THAT UP TO THE TIME HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL ON JULY 3 TO PICK UP THOSE RE-

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LEASED, HOME MINISTER AND POLICE HAD GIVEN EVERY INDICATION THAT THEY INTENDED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH CASE AGAINST ALL THOSE WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED. HE STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WAS CONTROVERSY WITHIN ROKG ABOUT WISDOM OF PRESSING AHEAD WITH COM-

MUNIST CHARGES AGAINST CHURCH PEOPLE BECAUSE OF ADVERSE REACTION  
IT LIKELY TO CAUSE ABROAD AND HAPPILY WISER HEADS SEEM TO HAVE  
PREVAILED. HE HAD NO CLEAR EXPLANATION FOR WHAT HAD HAPPENED  
HE SAID, BUT HE WAS THANKFUL.  
SNEIDER

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